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In re Application of

Straub, et al. : Group Art Unit # 1774  
Serial No. 09/694,136 : Examiner: Lawrence D. Ferguson  
Filed: 23 October 2000 : Date: 14 April 2004  
RCE filed: 21 February 2003

For: DECORATIVE MOLDING,  
DECORATIVE OVERLAYS AND  
FILMS THEREFOR AND METHODS  
AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING  
THE SAME

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT A

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Office Action of 05 March 2004, please amend the specification, Serial number 09/694,136 as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 - 4 and 13 - 14 and amend claims 1 - 2, 5 - 12, 15, 17 - 18 and 20 as follows. In accordance with the 37 C.F.R. 1.121, Applicants submit a complete set of claims with the required claim identifiers in the instant application showing the present amendments to the claims. The amended claims follow on separate page 2 - 4. Remarks begin on page 5.

FEES:

Applicants have canceled claims 3 - 4 and 13 - 14, amended claims 1 - 2, 5 - 12, 15, 17 - 18 and 20 such that a total of 3 independent claims and 11 dependent claims remain in this application. Applicants believe that no other fees are required, however, Applicants respectfully request prompt notification in case missing fees are required in order correct such deficiency in a timely manner so that this amendment will be fully responsive on the effective date thereof.

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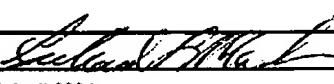
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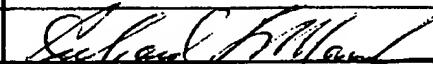
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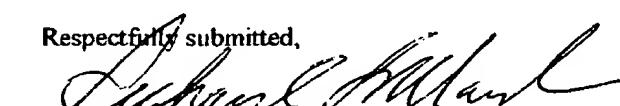
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**MESSAGE: Dear Examiner Ferguson:**

Please enter the following Amendment B of record in the above cited application. No formal drawings, fees or formal signatures are required and Applicants believe that this facsimile transmission is in compliance with the requirements set forth in 37CFR1.6 and 1.8. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims in this application, however, if the Examiner insists on any of the rejections, Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner's assistance in making the claims allowable. Agent for Applicants may be reached at the above phone numbers generally between 8:30 a. m. and 6:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard L. Marsh, 31,637

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